



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

Jorge Rodriguez,

Plaintiff,

-against-

Iris Cotto et al.,

Defendants.

1:23-cv-01350 (JGLC) (SDA)

ORDER

STEWART D. AARON, United States Magistrate Judge:

This case contains one or more claims arising under the Fair Labor Standards Act. The parties apprised the Court on January 9, 2024, that a settlement has been reached. (ECF No. 79.) In light of the requirements of *Cheeks v. Freeport Pancake House, Inc.*, 796 F.3d 199 (2d Cir. 2015), the parties must file a joint letter or motion that addresses whether the settlement is fair and reasonable.

Any such letter or motion shall be filed by Thursday, February 1, 2024, and should address the claims and defenses, the defendants' potential monetary exposure and the bases for any such calculations, the strengths and weaknesses of the plaintiffs' case and the defendants' defenses, any other factors that justify the discrepancy between the potential value of plaintiffs' claims and the settlement amount, the litigation and negotiation process, as well as any other issues that might be pertinent to the question of whether the settlement is reasonable (for example, the collectability of any judgment if the case went to trial).

The joint letter or motion should also explain the attorney fee arrangement, attach a copy of the retainer agreement, and provide information as to actual attorney's hours expended and

the relevant experience of the attorney(s). Finally, a copy of the settlement agreement itself must accompany the joint letter or motion.

The parties are reminded that they may consent to conduct all proceedings before the undersigned Magistrate Judge.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: New York, New York
January 11, 2024

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Stewart D. Aaron", is positioned above a horizontal line.

STEWART D. AARON
United States Magistrate Judge